Construction of cyclone proof record room and additional courts in Orissa

2966. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has written to Government for 100 per cent Central Assistance for construction of 93 cyclone proof record room and 99 additional courts;

(b) if so, details of the project and the amount of grant asked for; and

(c) whether the Technical Committee of Government has, in principle, approved the proposal and this has been included in the Central Plan Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government of Orissa had sought full Central Assistance for construction of 93 Cyclone Proof Record Rooms and 99 Additional Courts at a total cost of Rs. 762 lakhs.

(c) The proposal was considered on 10th August 2002 by the Technical Committee under the Scheme for Strengthening of Revenue Administration & Updating of Land Records (SRA&ULR). Since the Scheme of SRA & ULR envisages 50% contribution by the State Government, it was decided that it would not be possible to agree to the proposal in respect of 100% Central release for the aforesaid activities. The proposal was,however, approved in principle, on 50:50 sharing basis, subject to confirmation of the State Government to this effect and submission of the revised proposal. The State authorities have not responded for taking up the project on 50:50 sharing basis.

Income of rural poor

†2967. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman dated the 27th October, 2002 under the caption "A third of India goes hungry every night";

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that 36 percent persons residing in rural areas have their monthly income Rs. 300 p.m. or even less; and

(c) if not, assessment of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Planning Commission estimates, 27.09 per cent of the rural people were below the poverty line of Rs. 327.56 per capita per month during the year 1999-2000.

(c) Question does not arise.

Release of funds for IAY houses in Orissa

2968. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned 1 lakh IAY additional houses for the victims of 24 flood affected districts of Orissa during the year 2001-02;

(b) if so, whether Government has released only 50 per cent amount for the above project; and

(c) whether the balance amount is yet to be released, if so, the time by when this amount would be released to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Rural Development had released the first instalment of Rs. 82.50 crore for construction of 1 lakh additional houses under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) for the victims of 24 flood affected districts of Orissa during the year 2001-2002.

(c) Based on utilization of funds, the second installment amounting to Rs. 31.04 crore has been released to 15 flood affected districts of Orissa. Proposals for release of the balance amount have not been received from the State Government.